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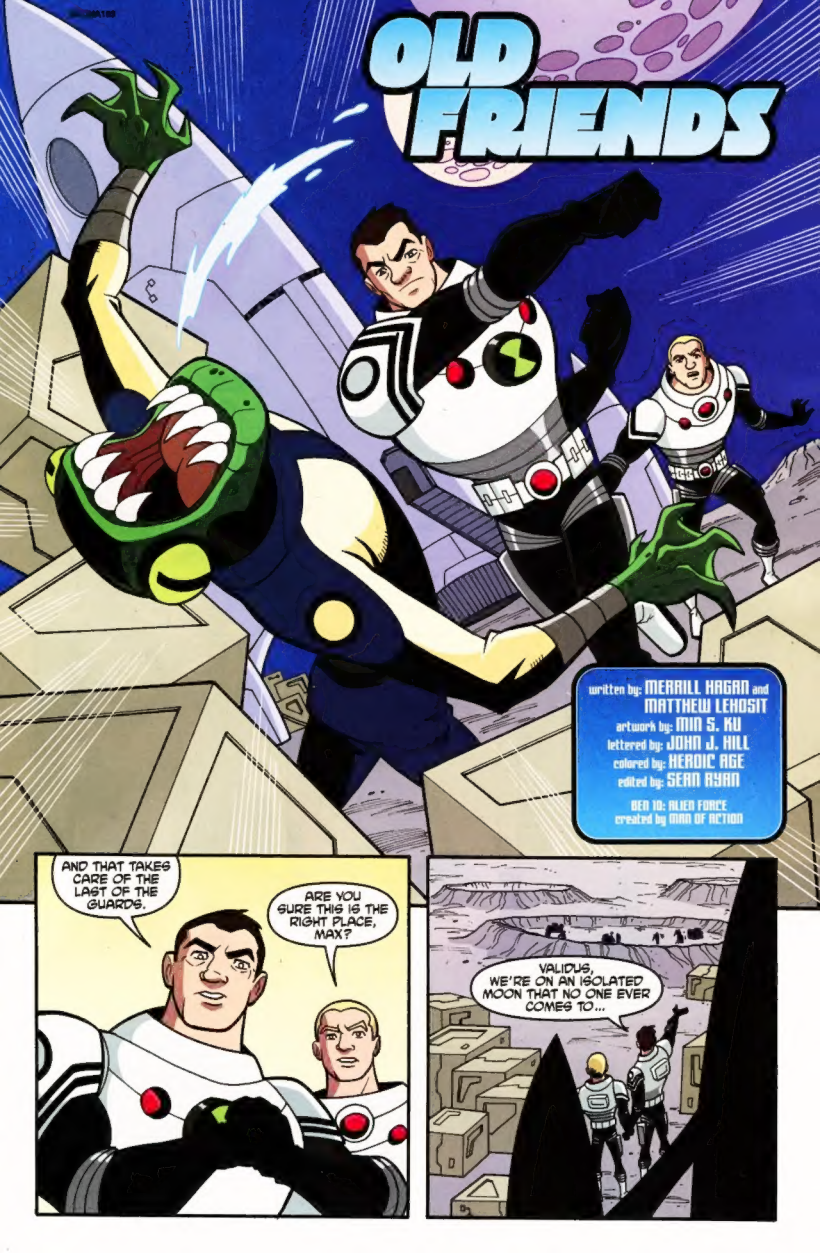
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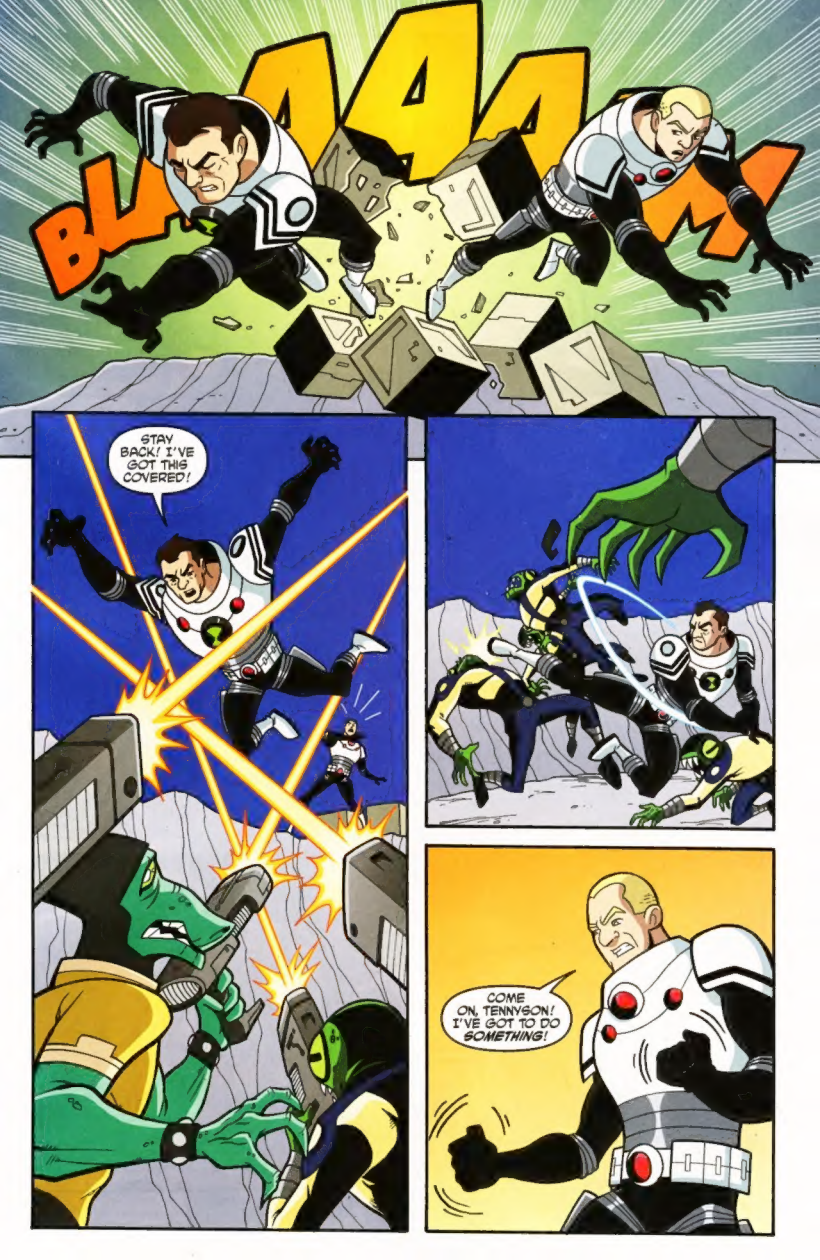
BEN 10: ALIEN FORCE created by MAN OF ACTION
AND THAT TAKES CARE OF THE LAST OF THE GUARDS.
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS THE RIGHT PLACE, MAX?
VALIDUS, WE'RE ON AN ISOLATED MOON THAT NO ONE EVER COMES TO...

...THAT IS, UNLESS THEY'RE TRYING TO MAKE ILLEGAL ALIEN TECH DEALS.
NOTHING. I SHOULDN'T HAVE BROUGHT YOU HERE, VALIDUS. THIS IS BIGGER THAN I THOUGHT, AND YOU'RE NOT A FULL-FLEDGED PLUMBER YET.
THAT'S A TOUGH-LOOKING BUNCH, MAX. WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?
WHAT? ARE YOU KIDDING? YOU KNOW I'M READY, TENNYSON! I'M ALREADY OUT HERE!
VICTOR, I KNOW HOW GOOD YOU ARE IN TRAINING, BUT YOU'VE NEVER BEEN IN A LIVE BATTLE BEFORE!
YOU KNOW I'M READY TO BE A PLUMBER NOW, MAX!
VICTOR! CALM DOWN!
OH, NO.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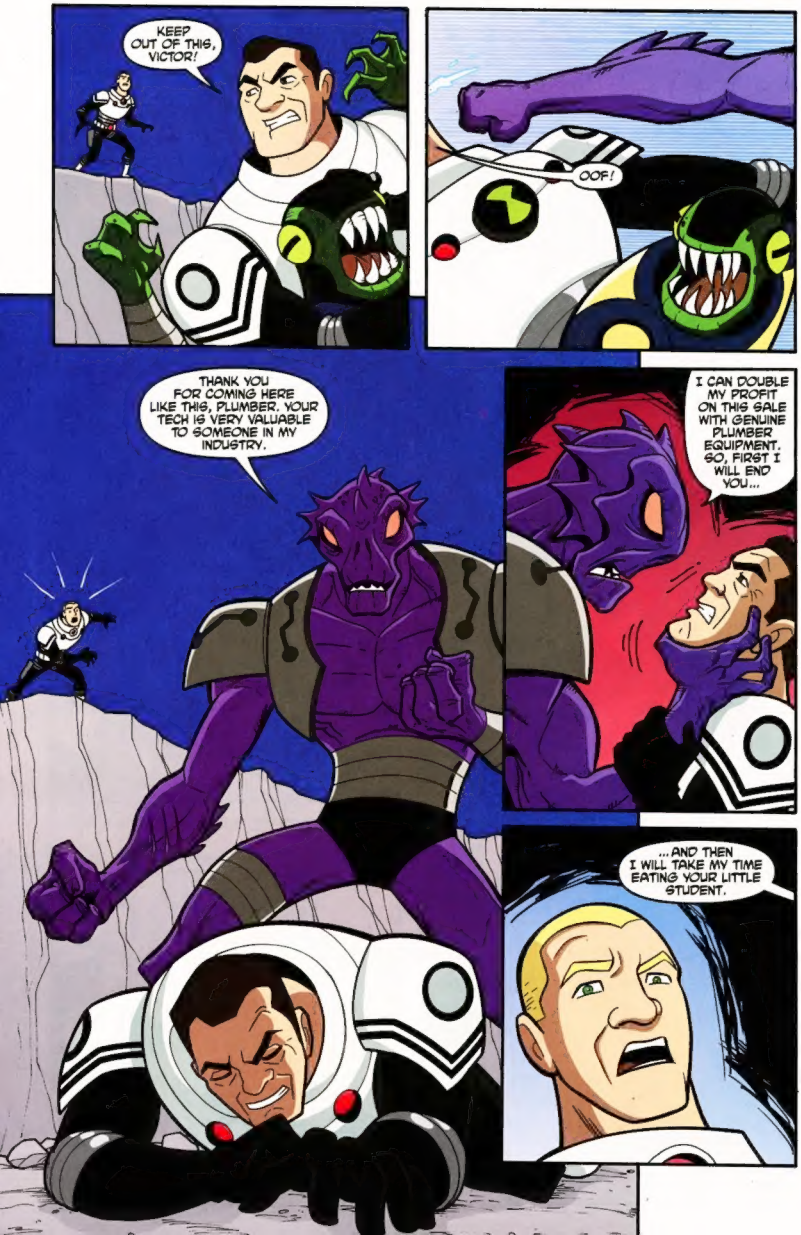
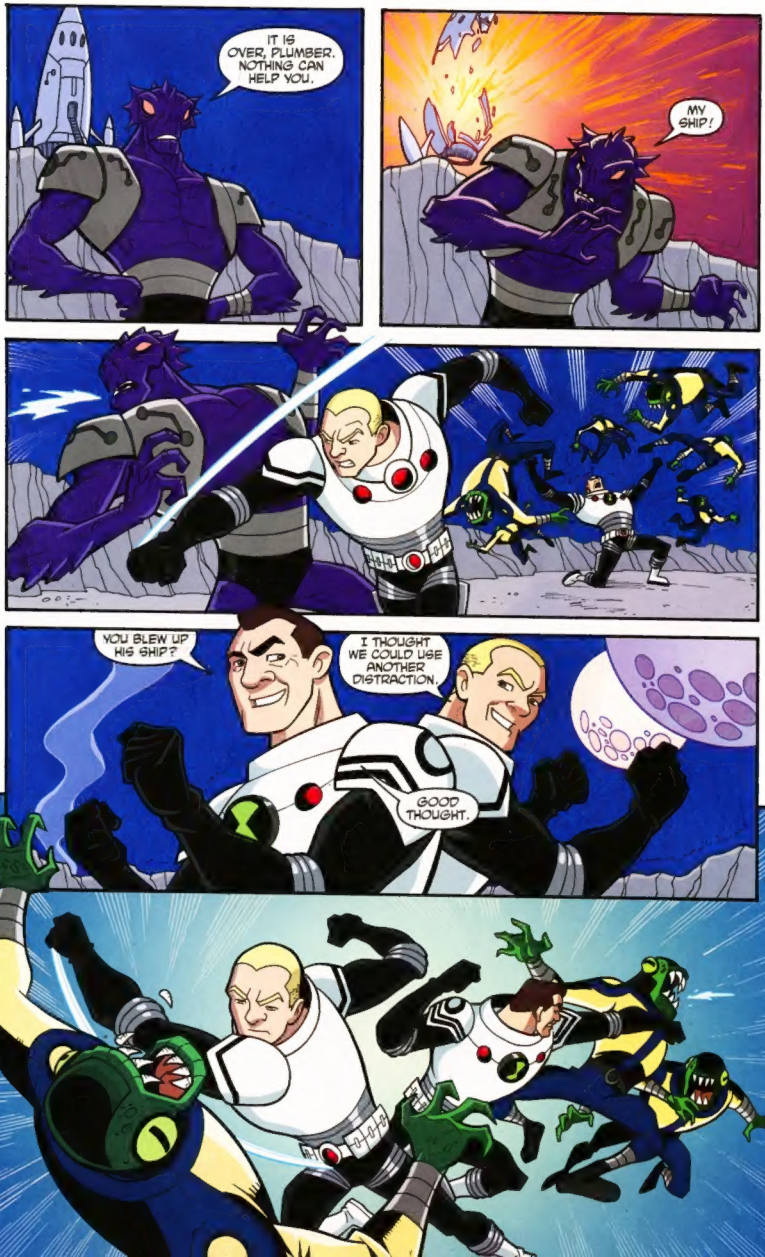
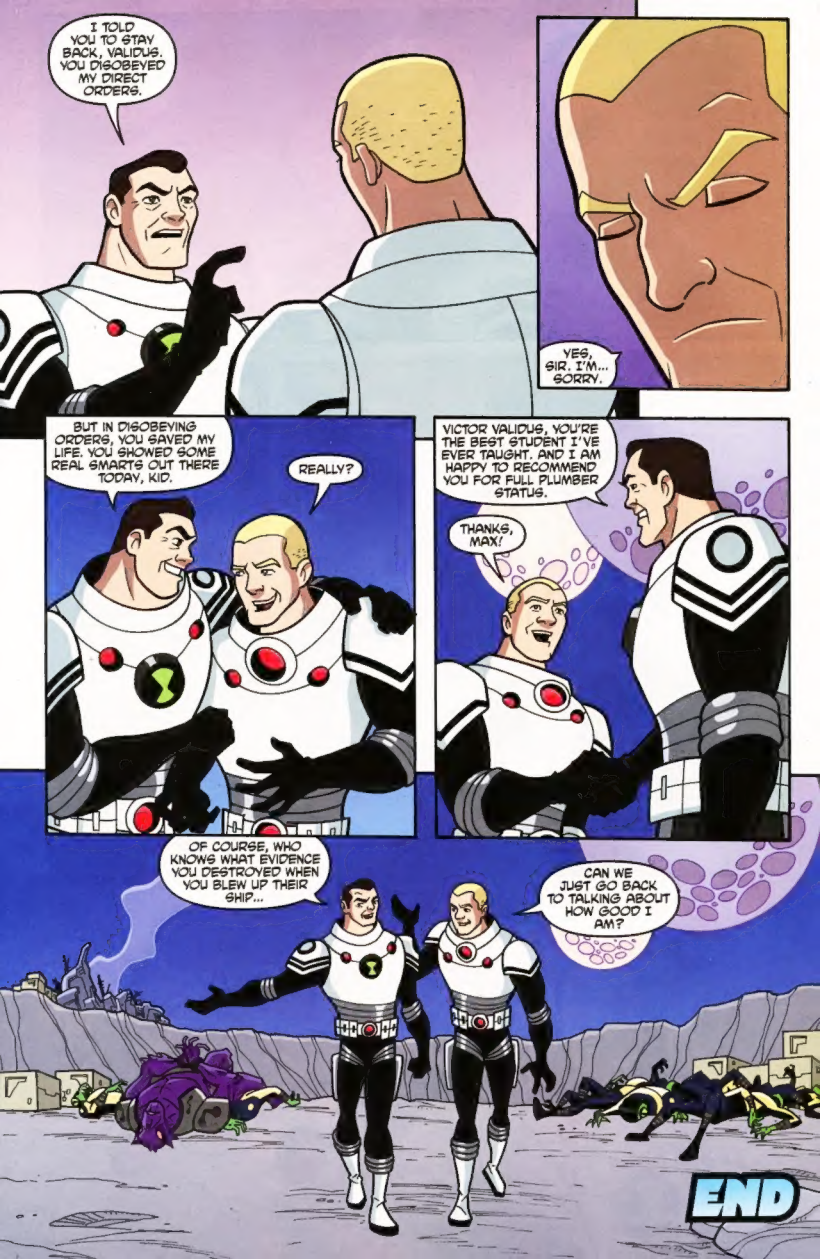
STAY BACK! I'VE GOT THIS COVERED!
COME ON, TENNYSON! I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!


KEEP OUT OF THIS, VICTOR!
OOF!
THANK YOU FOR COMING HERE LIKE THIS, PLUMBER. YOUR TECH IS VERY VALUABLE TO SOMEONE IN MY INDUSTRY.
I CAN DOUBLE MY PROFIT ON THIS SALE WITH GENUINE PLUMBER EQUIPMENT. SO, FIRST I WILL END YOU...
... AND THEN I WILL TAKE MY TIME EATING YOUR LITTLE STUDENT.

BUDDY, THE ONLY THING YOU'RE GETTING FROM ME IS A MOUTHFUL OF KNUCKLE.
ALL RIGHT! WHICH OF YOU IS NEXT?


IT IS OVER, PLUMBER. NOTHING CAN HELP YOU.
MY SHIP!
YOU BLEW UP HIS SHIP?
I THOUGHT WE COULD USE ANOTHER DISTRACTION.
GOOD THOUGHT.

HE'S GETTING AWAY, VALIDUS! GET A CONTAINMENT LOOP ON HIM!
WHERE IS HE GOING TO GO? HIS SHIP IS HISTORY.
I'M TAKING YOU IN, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLUMBERS.
I KEEP TELLING YOU, YOU'RE NOT A PLUMBER YET.


I TOLD YOU TO STAY BACK, VALIDUS. YOU DISOBEYED MY DIRECT ORDERS.
YES, SIR. I'M... SORRY.
BUT IN DISOBEYING ORDERS, YOU SAVED MY LIFE. YOU SHOWED SOME REAL SMARTS OUT THERE TODAY, KID.
REALLY?
VICTOR VALIDUS, YOU'RE THE BEST STUDENT I'VE EVER TAUGHT. AND I AM HAPPY TO RECOMMEND YOU FOR FULL PLUMBER STATUS.
THANKS, MAX!
OF COURSE, WHO KNOWS WHAT EVIDENCE YOU DESTROYED WHEN YOU BLEW UP THEIR SHIP...
CAN WE JUST GO BACK TO TALKING ABOUT HOW GOOD I AM?
END

PLUMBERS' KIDS
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ELENA, THOSE WERE SOME AMAZING MOVES BACK THERE... YOU KNOW, FOR A GIRL!
THANKS. I GUESS, I DON'T GET TO PLAY WITH OTHER KIDS A LOT BECAUSE ME AND DAD MOVE AROUND SO MUCH...
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...BUT I CAN STILL KICK YOUR BUTT!
WHICH REMINDS ME, YOU OWE ME FOR TEACHING YOU MY "SWIFT KICK!" CARE TO TREAT A GIRL TO A SNOW CONE?
UH... SURE THING.
ICE CREA

ONE CHERRY AND ONE BANANA MELON WITH EXTRA SOUR APPLE, PLEASE!
EWW, BEN! GROSS!
BOY, ARE YOU BEN TENNYSON?
WHO WANTS TO KNOW?
YOU MAY CALL ME SCORN, HUMAN, BUT IT MATTERS NOT, AS THESE MOMENTS WILL BE YOUR LAST!
BEN, TURN INTO FOUR-ARMS! FAST!
WHAT? BUT HOW DID YOU...
NO TIME! JUST DO IT!
YOU'RE RIGHT...

... IT'S HERO TIME!
WHOAH
YOU WANNA TELL ME WHAT THIS IS ABOUT BEFORE OR AFTER I TAKE YOU DOWN?
YOU ARE BUT AN OBSTACLE TO OVERCOME BEFORE I GET MY REVENGE ON MAX TENNYSON FOR TRAPPING US IN THE NULL VOID ALL THOSE YEARS AGO!

SO, IN SHORT... SECOND-RATE LOSER BAD GUY. SHOULD HAVE KNOWN.
ICE CREAM
YOUR COCKY ATTITUDE IS AS LEGENDARY AS YOUR SKILLS...
...THOUGH IT APPEARS AT LEAST ONE OF THOSE ATTRIBUTES WAS GREATLY EXAGGERATED!
AAAAW!
SO FAST... MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE USED XLR8R INSTEAD...
I WILL CRUSH YOU!

BEN, THINK FAST!
AAARGH!
THAT "SWIFT KICK" MOVE SURE COMES IN HANDY!
AND TO THINK YOU DIDN'T NEED ANY OF YOUR FOUR ARMS.
rdware
HAD ENOUGH OR ARE YOU GONNA BE A "SCORN LOSER"?
IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN A CHILD'S TOY TO DEFEAT ME, BEN TENNYSON!

HUH?
BEN, LOOK OUT!
ELENA, ARE YOU... WHOAH!
FREEZE!
I DON'T NEED SUPER POWERS TO PUT YOU ON ICE!
WHERE DID SHE LEARN ALL THOSE MOVES?!

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WHOAH, BUDDY, SHE IS NOT MY GIRL-FRIEND!
GET OFF ME, VILE PUNY FEMALE! WE WILL HAVE OUR REVENGE!
ANY LAST WORDS?

BEN, THE FIRE HYDRANT!
YEAH...
CHILL OUT!

REALLY, BEN? "CHILL OUT"?

YOU CAN'T GO WRONG WITH THE CLASSICS!

WONDER WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THESE GUYS?
WHEN GCORN SAID MAX TRAPPED "US" IN THE NULL VOID, I KNEW SOMETHING WAS UP. THEY MUST HAVE MET IN THE NULL VOID AND WERE WORKING TOGETHER TO GET BACK AT YOUR GRANDPA. HE MUST HAVE AN ARMY OF BAD GUYS WANTING TO GET REVENGE!

BUT WAIT, HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MY GRANDPA MAX? AND FOUR-ARMS? AND THE NULL VOID?

MY DAD DOESN'T TELL ME MUCH, BUT I'VE HEARD STORIES OF THE INFAMOUS BEN 10! I KNEW AS SOON AS I SAW THE OMNITRIX!

YOUR DAD?
YEAH, THE GREATEST PLUMBER ALIVE, VICTOR VALIDUS!
TRAINED BY YOUR GRANDPA MAX? SAVED THE WORLD ONE OR TWO OR THREE DOZEN TIMES?
UGH!
COME ON, BEN, THIS ONE'S ON ME AFTER ALL...
Icey Pops
...SOUNDS LIKE WE HAVE A LOT TO CATCH UP ON...
END

IT'S A SET UP
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DID YOU REALLY THINK IT WOULD BE THAT EASY TO SNEAK UP ON ME, ARGIT?
I WASN'T TRYING TO SNEAK UP ON YOU, KEVIN. I SWEAR IT! I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW ABOUT AN ALIEN TECH SALE I HEARD ABOUT!
WHAT ARE THEY SELLING?
I'M NOT REALLY SURE. I DON'T THINK THEY EVEN KNOW WHAT IT IS!
UNKNOWN ALIEN TECH? JUST BEING SOLD TO WHOEVER?
YEAH, I KNOW!
TELL THEM I'LL BE THERE IN AN HOUR.
I THINK THIS IS SOMETHING I BETTER CHECK OUT IN PERSON.
continued in
BEN 10
ALIEN SWARM
new live action movie, november 25th on
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Send your letters today:

# JOHNNY DC SAYS: LET THE MAIL BEGIN:

BEN 10 ALIEN FORCE

**Well, you probably know that the BEN 10 story this issue was only the beginning. The next step is – go to your favorite TV chair and fasten your seat belt for the new live-action movie that's really gonna get your adrenaline pumping – BEN 10: ALIEN SWARM! The adventure amps up when Ben, Kevin and Gwen discover a deadly alien threat to the planet. Speed, strength and superpowers lead them to the source of the swarm, but only one hero is brave enough to risk his life to save the world. Watch Ben's ultimate transformation on Nov 25th at 7:00 pm during the world premiere of BEN 10: ALIEN SWARM — only on Cartoon Network!**

*DRAWING BY RYAN GLUCHOWSKI, AGE 7*

Dear Johnny DC,

I started out drawing Alien X, but I ended up drawing Brainstorm instead. I've read six of your CARTOON NETWORK ACTION PACK comic books with BEN 10 in them. When are you going to use Alien X?

Kevin Hill, age 11
Columbus, Ohio

**Ben hopes "never" but we'll see. We don't always do what our characters want.**
**— Johnny DC**

*DRAWING BY KEVIN HILL*

Dear Johnny DC,

I love BEN 10: ALIEN FORCE! I drew a picture of Chromastone. I think he's awesome because, in issue #33, "A Brief Mystery of Time," Chromastone absorbs the Time-Loop generator and shoots it back at the DNAliens. I just have a few questions:

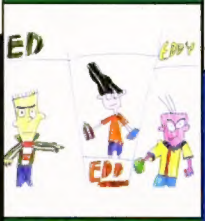
1. Will Ben ever transform into Alien X, even though it's really strong?
2. Will we get to see any new alien forms with the Omnitrix?
3. Will we ever see the future Ben again?

Sean Phaphui, age 12
Foothill Ranch, California

**1. See above; 2. Ben needs more aliens if he's ever going to make it to " Ben 10,000." I'm not saying WHEN we'll see them, though; 3. Which future Ben? Age 15, age 30, age 64...?**
**— Johnny DC**

*DRAWING BY SEAN PHAPHUI*

**Here, below, are some funny guys from CARTOON NETWORK who don't appear in ACTION PACK:**




*DRAWING BY MANASI M. NATU, FROM OREGON*

*DRAWING BY LOGAN WARRICK, AGE 8*

**AND, IN ONLY ONE MONTH: The Secret Saturdays discover a Lost King of Africa! Plus, in Codename: Kids Next Door, Numbah One suffers from a bad case of being dumped! And finally, Samurai Jack tries to put an end to an upcoming war!**

*DRAWING BY JOHN MORENO, AGE 8*

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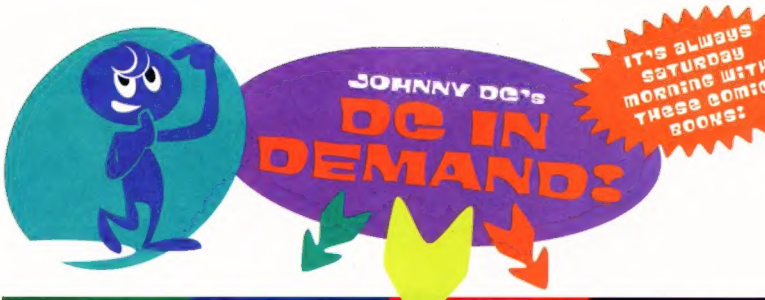

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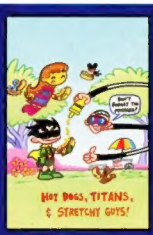
Once upon a time...the Queen of Fables trapped the Super Friends! Will there be no happy ending?




**TINY TITANS #22**
How many stretchy Super Heroes can you fit in the Tiny Titans treehouse before they get tangled into knots?

**SCOOBY-DOO #150**
The gang visits a town where black cats are bringing bad luck to everyone. Rooby rooby…ROWRR!

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